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SUBJECT: QUESTIONING OF LIBYAN STUDENTS IN U.S.

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1. YOU MAY ASSURE GADAMSI THAT FBI HAS NOT SINGLED OUT LIBYAN STUDENTS FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION. FBI, OF COURSE, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTIGATION AND APPREHENSION OF ANY PERSON, STUDENT OR NON-STUDENT, U.S. CITIZEN OR ALIEN, WHO VIOLATES FEDERAL LAWS. IN PURSUANCE OF THAT TASK, LIBYAN STUDENTS LIKE ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ARE INTERROGATED ONLY IF THERE ARE REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT THEY POSSESS INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT ASSIST THE FBI.

2. YOU MAY ALSO POINT OUT TO GADAMSI THAT LIBYAN STUDENTS HAVE, ON THE WHOLE, HAD REMARKABLY FEW PROBLEMS WITH THE LAW, CONSIDERING THE LARGE NUMBER OF LIBYAN STUDENTS IN THE U.S. INDEED, QUESTIONING OF FOREIGN STUDENTS BY USG AUTHORITIES IS BY NO MEANS UNCOMMON, AND IT WOULD BE SURPRISNG IF SOME LIBYAN STUDENTS WERE NOT AMONG THEM.

3. FYI: BASIS FOR FBI CONCERN IS PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. FOLLOWING EXERPTS FROM QADHAFI SPEECH TO
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LIBYANS STUDYING ABROAD (FBIS AUG 5, 1973) SUGGEST WHY

FBI BELIEVES THAT LIBYAN STUDENTS MIGHT HAVE INFORMATION WHICH WOULD BE HELPFUL: QUOTE: WE ARE DETERMINED TO TRANSFER THE BATTLE TO THE ENEMY'S LAND. WE ARE DELIBERATELY DETERMINED TO TRANSFER THE BATTLE TO NORTHERN IRELAND (PROLONGED APPLAUSE) BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE THE ENEMY FEEL THAT WE WILL NOT CONTINUE TO BE HIS PREY AND TO BE WITHIN REACH OF THE HANDS ATTACKING US. UNQUOTE. QUOTE: THE BLACK AMERICANS, PARTICULARLY THE BLACK MOSLEMS IN AMERICA...AS LONG AS THIS MAN IS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES OR AS LONG AS PART OF THE DOMINATED PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES ARE FIGHTING AGAINST SECTARIANISM, WE MUST SUPPORT THEM IN ORDER TO TRANSFER OUR OFFENSIVE TO THE HEART OF THE UNITED STATES. WHY? BECAUSE ZIONISM IS FIGHTING US THERE. THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE STUDYING IN THE UNITED STATES KNOW THIS. YOU KNOW THAT THE BASES THAT ARE SUPPLYING ISRAEL ARE TO BE FOUND IN THE UNITED STATES. THEREFORE, THERE IS A FRONT THAT MUST BE CONFRONTED. THE UNITED STATES MUST UNDERSTAND THAT WE EXIST ON ITS LAND. (APPLAUSE) IT MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS AN ARAB BEHIND EVERY BLACK MAN IT SEES. UNQUOTE. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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